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Weekend DUI Checkpoints Net 19 DUI Arrests

On July 10, and 11, 2015, the San Diego Police Department conducted DUI checkpoints in the 2700 block of Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach, and in the 600 block of East San Ysidro Boulevard in San Ysidro. The checkpoints were made possible by a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) "STEP Grant."

The July 10th checkpoint was operational from 11:18 pm until 3:00 am. 1519 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, with 556 of those motorists being screened by officers. 19 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety at the checkpoint, and 11 arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint. 11 vehicle impounds were also conducted.

The July 11th checkpoint was operational from 11:00 pm until 04:10 am. 329 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, with 321 of those motorists being screened by officers. 13 motorists were detained for a further evaluation of their sobriety at the checkpoint, and 8 arrests were made for DUI in or near the checkpoint. 9 vehicle impounds were also conducted.

"The message is simple, ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.*** Drinking alcohol and driving do not mix. If you plan to consume alcohol, you should also plan not to get behind the wheel of a vehicle or ride a motorcycle," said Officer Mark McCullough.

The San Diego Police Department recommends these simple tips:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin;
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home;



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- If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation;
- Report drunk drivers - Call 911; and
- remember, "RUOK?" is a ridiculous question. If you think they've had too much to drink, they probably have. Help him or her make other arrangements to get home safely.

The national ***Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*** crackdown is led by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and NHTSA, with the California Avoid DUI Task Force Campaign, combining high-visibility enforcement and heightened public awareness through publicity.

Media Notes: To schedule an interview regarding Anti Drunk-Driving efforts, or request a ride-along with law enforcement during a holiday period, please contact Officer Mark McCullough at (619) 818-4860 or via email at mmccullough@pd.sandiego.gov.

